of China on the dispute and its claim on India's vast torritories including state of Arunachal Pradesh on the eve of Prime Minister's visit;

(c) whether the question of border dispute came up for discussion between high level Indian delegation led by Shri K.P.S. Menon, and Chinese leaders in view of Prime Minister's willingness to visit China; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome of the visit of above delegation with reference to border dispute and whether Prime Minister would discuss the problem with the Chinese leaders regarding need for vacatinc the Indian territory occupied by 7hina?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): [a) Ye>, Sir. Details are being worked rat.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes. Sir.

(d) The delegation visited China to make preparations for the Prime Minister's visit. The border issue came up as a subject ::hat would be discussed during the visit. Obviously, the Prime Minister will present the country's stand when the issue is discussed

Declaration of cease-fire in Sri Lanka by India

103. SFRI V GOPALSAMY.

SHRI T. R BALU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were be reasons for the declaration of cense-fire initially for five days in Sri Lanka by the Government of India on 14th September, 1988 and for what reasons it was extended for another five days;

(b) what were the suggestions and proposals placed before the Tamil militants alongwith the cease-fire; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the operations of the IPKF were resumed?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Initially to give all Tamil groups a chance to participate in the elections to the North-Eastern Province. Extended at the request of some Tamil citizens of Sri Lanka who claimed that this would evoke a positive response from the LTTE.

(b) All militant groups who wished to participate in the elections were invited to lay down their arms, extended support to the Indo-Sri Lanka agreement and take part in the elections.

(c) LTTE's continued obduracy and its efforts to take advantage of the cease-fire to regroup and to extort 'taxes' from the people of the North and the East.

Out-voting of India on the Venue for Commonwealth Games

104. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRl RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Ministe,- of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased t0 state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was outvoted by 2 /3rd majority on the venue of 1994 Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons and the countries which did not vote 'f^or India; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the countries had assured their help but later On withdrew from it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATl MARGARET ALVA): (a) There were three countries which had bid for 1994 Commonwealth Games, namely, Canada